



**"Inspector Safety Course"**  
October 23-24, 2017  
San Diego, CA

This training is a 1½ day course focused on field safety. Participants will learn how to recognize incidents that require de-escalation. They will learn techniques to help deflect and redirect assault in the field through a better understanding of intent, body language, and appropriate responses. The course will discuss situations an inspector could be faced with in the field, and teach techniques to deal with these situations and stay safe. The training will re-touch on the skills used in Verbal Judo, but will also teach someone to recognize when a verbal attack could be escalating to a physical attack. Similar to the Verbal Judo training, this course will include lots of class interaction, discussion and practical exercises.

The target audience for this class is regulatory inspectors. There is no registration fee for the class; no scholarships for travel costs are available.

This training is limited to employees of Cal/EPA, its Boards and Departments and local partner agencies. This training is provided at no charge to attendees as part of our membership in the Western States Project. Attendees will be expected to participate in a variety of practical exercises and must be there the entire time.

Class space is limited to 50 students. **Your application must be received by 4:00 p.m. Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>.** In order to apply to be a participant, you must have the approval of your supervisor and be able to attend both days of the training. **Please do not apply unless you are sure you can attend 8:00 am-4:30pm on Day 1, and 8:00 am-1:00 pm on Day 2.**

To apply, send an email to Jessica Diedesch at [Jessica.Diedesch@calepa.ca.gov](mailto:Jessica.Diedesch@calepa.ca.gov) with **ALL** of the following information:

- *Name, Title, Agency/Department, Agency Address and Program you work in*
- *Email address, mailing address and phone number*
- *Supervisor's name, phone number and email address*
- *Duties (particularly as they relate to enforcement)*

If you are selected to participate, you will be notified via email and receive further instructions at that time. No substitutions are allowed after acceptance.

### **About the Western States Project**

The Western States Project is a consortium of governmental agencies from twelve western US States and 3 Canadian Provinces. The Project's membership is composed of representatives from those agencies responsible for environmental regulatory activities, civil enforcement, and criminal investigation/prosecution. The Project exists for the express purpose of supporting and enhancing the environmental enforcement programs of its member agencies, primarily through trainings and information research. The Project is funded by a combination of contributions received from its members. Similar Projects exist in the Northeast, Midwest, and the South.

### **About the instructor**

The instructor for this course is Michael Freeman. Michael Freeman is a Criminal Investigator with the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality. Mr. Freeman graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1993 with a bachelor's degree in Psychology. He was hired by the DEQ in September of 1994 as a regulatory inspector in the Hazardous Waste program. Mr. Freeman helped build the agency's criminal investigation program shortly thereafter, in addition to assisting with the formation of the Oklahoma Interagency Environmental Crimes Task Force. Mr. Freeman's investigations have resulted in a variety of successful state and federal criminal prosecutions, ranging from minor infractions such as waste tire violations to major cases involving illegal disposal of hazardous waste, bribery, and conspiracy to defraud the United States Government.

### **CLASS AGENDA**

#### **Day One**

8:00-8:30 Registration

8:30 – 11:30

SAFER Concept (Staying safe in the field)

AWARENESS: Use of verbal defense

1. Recognition
2. Types of verbal assault
3. Anatomy of a verbal assault

RESPONSE: Easy techniques to make your life in the field more productive

1. Deflection
2. Redirection
3. Body Language

11:30 – 1:00 LUNCH

1:00 – 3:00 Practical I (Techniques used in de-escalation)

3:00 – 3:15 Break

3:15 - 4:30 Workplace Violence

## CLASS AGENDA

### Day Two

8:00 – 1:00

Laws Governing Physical Assault

“Real Life” Scenarios

Physical Assault – Threat recognition and avoidance